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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wider Dissemination of NIS and NIE Reports

- References:
- a. NSCID No. 1
 - b. IAC-D-45/12, Revision 11 of Part II,
1 October 1957

1. CIA proposes that certain national intelligence publications be given a wider dissemination to high-level government officials. After a thorough review of the missions of the various departments and agencies, the NIS Committee selected the following additional officials to receive NIS Chapters I (Summary Chapter) by reason of their responsibilities in formulating and executing various aspects of U.S. foreign policy, or because their responsibilities are affected by the international position of the U.S.:

Secretary of Labor
Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of the Interior
Secretary of Agriculture
Secretary of Commerce
Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
Director, Office of Defense Mobilization
Director of the Budget
Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board
President, Export-Import Bank of Washington
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Director, National Science Foundation
Chairman, U.S. Tariff Commission

2. CIA has also been studying the problem of the dissemination of NIE's and SNIE's in order to determine if these publications should be sent to a wider selection of these same officials, on a need-to-know basis, in order to provide them intelligence support in matters in which the responsibilities of their departments and agencies affect U.S.

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national policy. The Secretary of the Treasury, Director of the Budget, and the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization now receive these estimates. It is proposed that the IAC hereafter give consideration to disseminating on an ad hoc basis specific estimates to other officials on this list who might benefit from such intelligence support.

3. No specific formal action by the IAC is required in regard to the dissemination of NIS Chapter I, as outlined in paragraph 1, since the NIS Committee has determined the need-to-know of those US government officials (IAC-D-45/12.17, Revised, 27 February 1956, as approved by the IAC on 12 March 1956). However, with respect to the dissemination to such officials of NIE's and SNIE's, it is requested that the IAC approve in principle the proposal outlined in paragraph 2. Potential recipients of national intelligence publications may then be advised to expect to receive and make any necessary arrangements for handling of classified material of this general sensitivity. We would propose initially to forward letters along the lines of the attached draft letter to the officials named in paragraph 1 above. Specific recommendations for the release of particular estimates to one or more of these officials normally would be presented to the IAC for its consideration (in accord with paragraph 6 of the new NSCID No. 1, dated 1 April 1958) either at the meeting at which an estimate is approved or at a later meeting when the question of release to foreign governments is reviewed.

4. We believe that the recent NIE 100-58, "Estimate of the World Situation," would be an appropriate estimate to distribute initially to the officials listed above. Consequently the IAC at an early meeting will be asked to (a) approve the principle of distributing NIE's and SNIE's to certain US officials on an ad hoc basis as outlined in the preceding paragraphs and (b) approve the release of NIE 100-58 to the officials indicated in paragraph 1.

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Attachment to
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The Honorable Sinclair Weeks
Secretary of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weeks:

It has come to my attention that you do not now receive certain national intelligence publications which I believe you and your principal advisers might find useful in discharging your responsibilities relating to foreign policy matters.

I plan to send to you from time to time two types of the most authoritative intelligence publications produced by the U.S. Government. These are National Intelligence Estimates, dealing with specific situations and problems abroad affecting U.S. national interests, and Chapters I (Brief) of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) which give basic intelligence data and analysis on a country-by-country basis.

National Intelligence Estimates are frequently prepared at the request of members of the NSC and generally deal with problems affecting the considerations of that body. Hereafter, any of these estimates which may touch upon your areas of responsibility will be forwarded to you. For the present we are enclosing a copy of NIE 100-58, "Estimate of the World Situation," which may be of general interest to you.

The NIS is used as the standard basic intelligence reference by the Departments of State and Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and U.S. Intelligence agencies. I am enclosing the NIS Chapter I on Belgium as an example of this kind of intelligence. The accompanying NIS Reference Guide will give you further particulars regarding the NIS program and its current status.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosures:

1. NIE 100-58, "Estimate of the World Situation"
2. Chapter I on Belgium
3. NIS Reference Guide